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Railway Brigade No 2 of the Naval Artillery of the Baltic Fleet

1. "The 'Railway Brigade No 2 of the Naval Artillery of the Baltic Fleet' (Zheleznodorozhnaya Brigade Morskoi Artillerii KRF No 2) is located in the military settlement of Ust-Luga, north of Narva. In September 1953 one battery of this brigade stood at the Narva railway station. The battery consisted of a train with six carriages and an engine. In the middle of the train were two 8-axle armored platforms. On each platform stood one '250-mm railway gun of the coastal defence' (zheleznodorozhnaya pushka beregovoi oborony). The barrels of these guns were about 10 meters long. According to the local inhabitants, Railway Brigade No 2 has two divisions, with two batteries in each. The total number of railway guns for coastal defence based at Ust-Luga is eight.

Flame-Thrower Companies at Kingisepp

2. "The 126th, 128th and 129th 'special flame-thrower companies' are based in the town of Kingisepp, Leningrad oblast. It has been ascertained that these 'special flame-thrower companies' are part of the chemical forces (khimicheskie Voiska) of the Leningrad military district. The companies are armed with knapsack flame-throwers of the type 'RO-43'. The 'RO-43' throws out a jet flame to a distance of up to 40 meters. A 'special flame-thrower company' consists of three flame-thrower platoons. These companies are motorized.

Reserve Wells in Tallinn and Leningrad

3. "Since spring 1953, reserve wells have been dug in those barrack grounds for troops which have water supplied by the centralized water system of the towns of Leningrad and Tallinn. There are rumors that such wells have been dug in other towns as well. The reserve wells are for use in case of war when there is danger that the municipal water supply systems will be destroyed or contaminated with chemicals."

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